

July 7, 2005

By Messenger

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Chief, Section of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
Room 504
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Dear Mrs. Rutson:

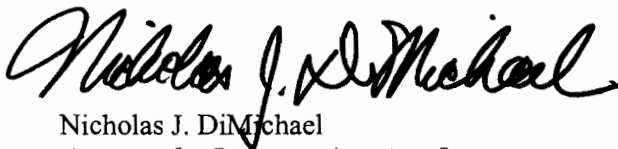
Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §1105.10(d), Roquette America Inc. ("RAI") seeks the authority of the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") for the retention of Burns & McDonnell ("B&M") as the third-party consultant to develop the appropriate environmental documentation for the proposed construction near RAI's plant in Keokuk, IA. Information describing the proposed construction was submitted in our letter dated July 6, 2005 requesting waiver of the six month prefiling notice.

We propose to retain B&M as the consultant to develop the necessary environmental documents on behalf of the Section on Environmental Analysis ("SEA"). Applicant understands that while B&M's fees will be paid by the Applicant, B&M will work under SEA's direction and supervision. The environmental documents and information collected by B&M will be used by SEA, in conjunction with B&M, to develop the environmental documentation.

B&M is listed on the SEA's Third Party Consultant Contact List which is comprised of individuals and firms with expertise and experience in environmental review of rail or transportation projects. In addition, B&M has been previously approved by the STB to prepare third-party environmental documents in numerous prior proceedings. Therefore, we believe that B&M would be the appropriate third-party consultant and we request your approval to retain Burns & McDonnell as the third-party consultant for this construction project.

If you have any questions regarding this request or need further information, please do not hesitate to call me at (202) 331-8800.

Sincerely,



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